To the Alaska United States Road Commission.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned by their resident agent at Haines, Alaska, hereby protest against the construction of a public permanent high way where the clearing therefor has been made, from the the sawmill old site west of Haines towards the Chilkat flats, so far as the Presbyterian Board of Home Mission land claim extends towards said flat.

For about 475 yds. westwards beyond said saw mill site, the new public high way is located about 37 yds. more or less south of boundary line of said mission claim, thereby cutting off a strip of 3.6 acres from the main body of Mission land claim, partly cleared and valuable for grazing, because of the the running water thereon; and the grass springs up over the most of it on bring cleared, the work of clearing is being done, and cattle that grazed thereon this year were sold at

$50.00 per head.

The Mission Management have this year cleared so far as to grow grass 15 acres. The Mission has been long sustained under embarrassing conditions, the time has arrived when it is possible to make the Mission self sustaining soon, as well as give the natives & Lascars a greater variety of object lessons in agricultural pursuits; all the land now left them of the grant allowed by law for such purpose, without undue waste, is needed, and especially the parts easiest to subdue.

By the present location of road three lines of fence will have to be maintained where one should do.

From the saw mill old site westward there is no objection to the road being altogether on Mission Claim; it is the isolation of so small a piece, and the costliness of maintaining a fence that is objectionable.

By shoving the road north to the line will require about 150 yds. of ditch of an average width and depth of 4 ft. through clay mostly, all of which can be excavated by plow and scraper, and about 30 yds more grand top finish.

than where the road is located now; the clearing the road way will be more expensive but that is greatly owing to the work performed by Mission people and others.

If the road be constructed where now located the undersigned feel that they should be reimbursed, for loss of labor performed, loss of land not used for the road and made so expensive to maintain, to the amount of five hundred dollars.

Board of Home Mission of Presby. Church

by A. R. Mackintosh

Agt.

Served Oct 3d 1905.
at Skaguay, Alaska. by handing a copy to Lieut. Orchard in his Office.

A. R. Mackintosh

F.F.

October 10th, 1905.

Mr. A. R. Macintosh,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Macintosh:-

Yours of the 8th inst., giving notice that the Surveyors for the Government have the lines for the road running westward from Haines to and up the Chilkat River, etc., is at hand. Regarding the situation, I do not see but that we are entirely powerless. Even in communities where the ownership of property is clearly outlined, and in the hands of individuals, when town corporations determine to cut through roads, they are put through regardless of property lines. I suppose, therefore, that we shall have to submit, and if, a little later, after we have secured our patents, it seems wise to put in a claim for damages, we can do so. I shall be glad, however, to be kept informed of the situation as it developes.

With regard to the school seats: After consultation with Miss Lincoln, Treasurer of the Woman's Board, it has been decided that these seats may be sold to Mr. Kelly at say $2.00 each for the double seat desks. The two recitation seats we shall have to leave with you and Mr. Kelly to decide upon an equitable price. Kindly remit the funds to this office, should Mr. Kelly pass them ~~through yu~~ over to you, or ask him to send remittance directly here for the same.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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Seattle, Wash., Oct 18th 1905

Dr. C. Clin,
156 Fifth Ave, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Clin:-

This evg I return to Stagway after attending the meeting of our Synod. We stirred up considerable interest in Alaska and on invitation the Synod will convene in Alaskan waters next summer if arrangements can be made.

My wife writes me of some six dollars being sent for recording expenses in the Haines matter, but no refund of the $120 advanced. I do not want to complain but it is just a year since I parted with that money and I have been cramped financially for want of it most of the time since. I have been compelled to keep strict account of all expenditures and most months show a little bit heavier than my salary. I have been drawing my salary every half-month in order to keep going! And when Mr. Barnes wrote me that the money had been collected

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from the Board of Church Erection. I felt confident I would receive it in time to enable me to make this trip. (The Synod refunds most of the expenses but I had ~~to~~ enough to pay my fare in the first instance). At the last I was compelled to borrow $40 to come on. And now I cannot go back and meet my obligations without this money from the Board. It worries me to be in debt but I cannot avoid it under these circumstances.

Hence this letter. If the check is already on its way, kindly pardon and destroy this letter. It is not the kind I am wont to write.

Yours as ever,

A. B. Harrison.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF U. S. SURVEYOR-GENERAL

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA,

Sitka, October 12, 1905.

Mr. A. R. Macintosh,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Sir :-

This office is in receipt of your letter of the 30th, ultimo, by which you ask to be informed, whether the survey of the Presbyterian Mission Land Claim at Haines, made by Deputy Elias Ruud in 1904, has been accepted or passed upon by the General Land Office.

In reply you are advised that Deputy Ruud has not filed the returns of said survey with this office yet, and consequently they have not been passed upon.

The cause of the deputys delay in making the returns under his contract is not known, but it is considered porbable that they will be made before long.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Distin

Surveyor General.

Haines, Alaska. 10-14-1905

RECEIVED
OCT
23
1905
SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

H. C. Cain Esq.

Sir: —

John Blankenburg having obtained permission of W. W. Warne about seven years ago to put a tent upon the N. E. Corner of Mission Claim, the tent changed in about a year into a board shack and is now a small Cabin of boards comfortable and Cosey. Three years ago when we were ousting from the Claim every straggler possible to move without resort to law, Blankenburg had a fair show to make a strong fight and did not wish to move but was willing to rent the location for five years. a Compromise was mad on three years and lease given which ends the 30th inst. He offered to renew the lease for a year or more @ $20.00 a year. I asked him 40 dollars per annum. and there we stand. The location is as good as any in the village.

Respectfully

A. D. Mackintosh

Blankenburg is a photographer and sells indian curios.

F.F.

October 16th, 1905.

Rev. M. B. Harrison,

Skagway, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Harrison:-

Your favor of the 10th inst. comes as a reminder of one of the things overlooked on account of the press of other matters since my return from vacation.

The Board of Church Erection did, as Mr. Banks wrote you, pay over the amount of the grant, $200., less the $4.00 insurance, in the month of August. You will remember, however, that the negotiation covering the advances upon this Social Hall property with the Board of Church Erection, etc., took rather a complicated course. I have waited, therefore, for a spare moment to go over all the correspondence to see just exactly where we stand in the matter. Since the receipt of your letter this morning, I have put aside other things and taken the matter up. I find now that the account stands thus:

Dr.		Cr.	
Amount originally advanced	$150.	Amount received through Mr. Macintosh from three natives, March 10th last	$15.
Amount paid for recording deeds, etc., ------	6.20		
	156.20	Net amount received from Board of Church Erection, ----------	196.
		A total of	$211.

You will see therefore that between these two sides of the ledger we have a credit in the amount of $54.80. Making a remittance to yourself of $120. leaves us short $65.20. We had hoped that your effort to get the natives to square up this account would have materialized long before this time, and of course this, too, had something to do with our delay. However, we shall not keep you waiting longer, and I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a check to your order for $120.

Now will you not kindly do all you can, by correspondence with natives or otherwise as you may deem best, to get them to take up the balance of this account. You will of course remind me that the property stands in the name of the Board. That is of course so, but just the same, I think that the balance of this loan should be taken care of by our

native friends. You will remember also that we have signed the mortgage to the Board of Church Erection Fund for their grant of $200.

Regretting that you should have been put to any inconvenience on this account, but feeling also that under all the conditions of the transaction the full amount of our loan should be returned as soon as possible, I am, with best wishes for the work under your care, and with regards,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

Haines Alaska 10-16-1905

H. C. Olin Esq:—

Sir:— The road protested vs. is not the one of which I wrote once proposed to be opened from Military Post Ft. W. H. Seward through Mission Claim ~~at this~~ and intersect with main st. of Haines and at a right angle to main st. that road I have not heard of lately.

The one protested vs. is the one going west from Haines and is a prolongation of Main st.

I shall write to Elias Reed today at Juneau ~~today~~ asking him if a report of his survey of Presbyterian Mission Claim at Haines made in 1904 was filed, where and when.

Respectfully

A. R. Mackintosh

F.F.

October 25th, 1905.

Mr. A. R. Macintosh,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Macintosh:-

Your favor of the 14th inst., with reference to the Blankenburg Lease, has had the attention of the officers of this Board and the Woman's Board this morning. The matter has finally been referred back to you with power to lease the ground to Mr. Blankenburg upon twelve months lease at the best figures you can obtain between $20. and $40. per annum. It is very likely that you will find it wise to compromise with him at say $30.00, but that is left to your judgment.

Will you kindly notify us what arrangement is finally made.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

ELIAS RUUD
UNITED STATES DEPUTY LAND SURVEYOR
UNITED STATES DEP. MINERAL SURVEYOR
CIVIL ENGINEER
SKAGWAY, - - - - ALASKA

Juneau, Oct 22 1905.

A. R. Mackintosh, Esq.

Haines, Alaska.

My survey of the Presbyterian Mission at Haines will be reported to the U. S. Surveyor General at Sitka, on or before Dec. 31 1905 as stipulated within my contract with the U. S. Government. Any information regarding the same you may have from me at any time

Very respectfully yours

Elias Ruud

(C o p y)

October 25th, 1905.

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Haines, Alaska.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. C. Olin,

Treasurer.

Lease to

Jno. M. Blankenburg

from

Board of Home Missions

of the Presbyterian Church

for 1st 1905. to Oct. 31st 1906.

In consideration of the sum of forty dollars, the undersigned does hereby lease to John M. Blankenberg the lot of ground in the N. E corner of the land claim of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church at Haines, Alaska; fifty feet on Main Street and one hundred feet deep, for one year, from Nov 1st 1905 to October 31st 1906, subject to the approval of said Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Twenty dollars to be paid cash in advance and twenty dollars in June 1906.

No transfer nor subletting allowed under this lease under penalty of forfeiture of lease by any transfer or subletting to any party whatever, and the right of the lessor to enter upon and take possession of the property without process of law, including the buildings.

John M. Blankenberg, for thirty days next after the expiration of this lease shall have the right to remove the building. after which time it shall revert to the realty.

Done at Haines, Alaska, this 17th day of October 1905

Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church

By A.R. Mackintosh - Local agt.

Jno M. Blankenberg.

F.F.

November 11th, 1905.

Mr. A. R. Macintosh,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Macintosh:-

Yours of the 16th inst., with further regard to your protest against the road going west from Haines and constituting a prolongation of Main street, is at hand. We note also the enclosure of a copy of your protest to the U. S. Road Commission of Alaska, and the letter from Surveyor General Distin, in reply to yours of the 30th of September, with regard to the survey of the mission claim at Haines.

Relative to this latter enclosure (the letter of Surveyor General Distin) let me say that from time to time we have kept in very close touch with General Distin through inquiry and protest against delay in these surveys, and since the receipt of your letter I have addressed a further communication to him, as well as to the Department at Washington.

I had an extensive correspondence during the summer through our United States Senators, Depew and Platte, touching this subject also, and I hope that something will be accomplished in the very near future.

Let me advise that unless there is necessity for immediate action in cases of this kind, that you will communicate with this office before writing to the Department or to the authorities upon these subjects. As I have said, we are in constant correspondence with the Interior Department and with the office of the Surveyor General in Alaska with regard to these subjects, and it would not be wise to confuse matters by having correspondence go to them from this office and from yourself which might be conflicting.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

F.F.

November 21, 1905.

Mr. Frank C. Churchill,

Special Agent Department of the Interior,

Lebanon, N. H.

My dear Sir:-

Your note of reminder dated the 18th inst. is at hand. Relative to the matter referred to I beg to say that in order to answer your question with regard to the Barrow and St.Lawrence buildings it has been necessary to go over a good de deal of history dating back as far as the year 1892. The past two weeks have been unusually busy weeks here for us in the office, it being the time of our monthly Board and Committee meetings. We have not, therefore, had the time to go into the matter as thoroughly as we could wish before making reply. However, in a very few days you will have our reply.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

THE BOARD OF THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ERSKINE N. WHITE, *Cor. Sec.*
ADAM CAMPBELL, *Treas.*

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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, Dec. 28 1905
(Room 814.)

~~Rev.~~ Mr. A. C. Olin
Home Board

DEAR BROTHER :

~~In response to your letter of~~

I enclose the following papers to be completed and returned by ~~the Trustees of the~~ you in behalf of Presbyterian Church of Kittrack Station to receive the appropriation for its manse.

Bond for *The Mortgage.*—~~This should be executed under~~ the direction of the counsel in ~~accordance~~ with the laws of the State and ~~duly recorded~~. After recording, the certificate ~~upon fourth page should be signed by the appointed~~ counsel.

2. *The Insurance Survey.*—This should be filled as accurately as possible, and location indicated upon the diagram. Owing to the extent of its insurance, the Board cannot accept policies furnished by the Church, but must procure them itself.

3. *The Trustees' Certificate.*—This is to assure the Board that there will be no debt remaining for which the Church is either legally or morally liable.

The mortgage and insurance survey can be returned at any time, but the money cannot be forwarded until the certificate, giving assurance that all collections are completed, is also received.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

E. N. White

Gen.

December 30th, 1905.

Rev. David S. Waggoner,

Klawack, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Waggoner:-

As I think I some time ago intimated to you, we have made application to the Board of Church Erection Fun for a grant of $700.00 to help toward the completion of your Manse. That amount has been granted by the said Board of Church Erection and I am handing you herewith for filling and signing,

1st. "Manse Survey," which is to be used in obtaining insurance, and

2nd. The "Trustees' Certificate," so called, for the signatures of the trustees of your church. Should there be no trustees, so called, will you be good enough to sign it as pastor, and have one or two other officers of your church sign also with the title of the offices they hold. Then if you will fill up the Manse Survey as completely as is possible, as well as the diagram upon the back thereof, and return all papers herewith at your early convenience, we shall be able to secure from the Church Erection Board this sum to reimburse our treasury partially for what we have thus far advanced on the Manse.

Trusting that you are already in the Manse and that you are enjoying the new home most fully, believe me, with best wishes for the New Year,

Most cordially,

December 30th, 1905.

Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., Secretary,
Board of Church Erection Fund,
Building.

Dear Dr. White:-

We have yours of the 28th inst., enclosing blanks in the matter of the grant of $700.00 for the building of the Manse at Klawack, Alaska.

I am at once sending the Manse Survey and other papers to Rev. David S. Waggoner, our pastor at Klawack, asking him to have them filled and returned immediately.

Upon their return the bond for the mortgage covering this grant will immediately be signed.

Thanking you and your Board for their sympathy and help in this matter/ I am

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

MAR 19 [illegible]

Dear Brother:- Since writing you this morning, the attached letter came to [illegible] as a consideration, that the road will not be [illegible] or elsewhere. He says that the only reason [illegible] is to save the expense of building [illegible] the road very high.

A. F. McLean.

MAR 30 1906

Haines, Alaska. March 19th., 1906.

Rev. C. L. Thompson,
Secy. Board Home Missions,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Having been informed by The Alaska Road Commission that the building of the road from Haines to Hindistucki was being delayed on acco unt of a protest, signed by Mr. A. R. Mackintosh representing Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, having been filed with them against running the road over a certain part of the Mission property, we take this means of communicating with you with view of having the protest removed.

As you are probably already aware, the growth of this town and vicinity depends entirely upon the development of mining interests in the interior.

The Rainy Hollow District, situated about 50 miles west of this place, is considered by mining experts to be one of the largest and richest copper deposits in the world. It will require a very large amount of machinery however, to develop these properties. The Porcupine and other creeks in same vicinity, are also known to be very rich in placer gold, but likewise require machinery for their development.

The present means of transportation to the above mentioned districts being by Indian canoes and packing in summer and by dog-teams in winter, you can readily see the importance of good roads and the utter impracticability of development of above mentioned country without same.

We are advised by the Road Commission that the road to Hindistucki, about 8 miles, is simply the fore-runner of a road the entire distance to the mines.

The people of this vicinity consider themselves particularly fortunate in having the government offer to build this road, as the money appropriated by Congress for road building in Alaska being totally inadequate for the building of all the roads required, necessarily a great number of sections will have to go without roads for present at least.

The Town of Haines being the natural, in fact the only, outlet for the mining districts before mentioned, the development of these districts will mean everything for the future of this place.

Referring to that portion of the protest signed by Mr. Mackintosh which I presume you have read, in which it is suggested that the road be run north of the survey and along the Mission boundary line instead of cutting off a small strip, we are informed by the Road Commission that this would be very expensive as in some places the boundary line is in a creek and would necessitate the building of a large number of bridges. We are also informed that the Commission will do nothing until the protest referred to is withdrawn, they having no funds available for purchase of right of way, etc.

Rev. C. L. Thompson continued:

We might say that there is not a property holder in this vicinity who would not gladly offer a right-of-way for this road over his property as land which is of comparatively little value at present, will undoubtedly be very much enhanced in value through the building of this road. We might particularly mention Mr. Fred Handy whose property lies west of the Mission property and is cut in practically the same manner as the Mission land but instead of feeling damaged by the road, he considers himself fortunate in having the road built.

Taking all these things into consideration, we would respectfully ask that you have the protest withdrawn as there is no doubt but that the Mission property will be benefited much more by the building of the road, than it will be damaged by same.

On account of the shortness of the seasons in this country, in event of your deciding to do anything in the matter, we would request you to act at your earliest convenience as the building of the road will undoubtedly be delayed another year if not attended to promptly.

Yours very respectfully,

J. Sowerby

W. B. Stuart

Carlos Ford

Committee.

F.F.

April 19, 1906.

Mr. A. R. Macintosh,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Macintosh:-

We are in receipt of a copy of your protest against the location of a road near the north border of mission property. We are also in receipt of a communication from the Road Committee of your town, Messrs. I. Sowerly, W. B. Stout and Cortes Ford, setting forth the value of such a roadway as is contemplated and of the difficulties attending its construction along the lines suggested by yourself.

While we recognize the force of your objection, yet it seems to us that some amicable agreement could be arrived at whereby all parties in interest might be satisfied and the interests of the communities effected, as well as our own property enhanced.

Will you not therefore, after conferring with Mr. McLean, have a conference with the Road Committee, which shall be attended by yourself and Mr. McLean, representing this Board, and endeavor, if possible, to reach some common ground from which a satisfactory recommendation may be made to this Board.

In these negotiations we are sure that you will recognize that not alone the value of a few acres of ground should be considered, but far above and beyond, the interests of the general community and of our property and holdings as a whole.

Awaiting your report, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

F.F.

April 19, 1906.

Messrs. I. Sowerly,
W. B. Stout, and
Cortes Ford,

Haines, Alaska.

Gentlemen:-

Your favor of the 19th inst., addressed to the Secretary of this Board, the Rev. Chas. L. Thompson, D.D., and calling our attention to the advisability of the building of a road from Haines to Hindistucki, and to the protest against the intended location by our Mr. A. R. Macintosh, has been referred to this office for reply.

Mr. Macintosh had already filed with this office a copy of his complaint, and from his standpoint it seemed that there was ground for his protest. However, I am sure that we all recognize the force of the arguments you put forth in favor of the location of the road as it has been run, and we would not by any means wish to do anything which should be detrimental to the interests of Haines and the adjoining communities, and of the property owners. I am therefore suggesting to Mr. Macintosh that he take this matter up by way of conference between your Committee, Rev. A. F. McLean, our missionary at Haines, and himself and endeavor to arrive at some basis of agreement upon which a recommendation can be made to this Board which shall be satisfactory to all concerned.

Trusting that the matter may be treated from a standpoint which shall make for the good of all concerned, I am,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

F.F.

April 19, 1906.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McLean:-

Yours of the 8th of March, addressed to Secretary Thompson, enclosing a copy of the protest made by Mr. Macintosh as the agent of this Board against the locating of a road near the north line of our property, etc., has been referred to this office for attention.

We are also in receipt of a communication from the Committee consisting of I. Sowerly, W. B. Stout and Cortes Ford with regard to the same matter and urging very strongly that the Board permit of the location of the road along the line against which Mr. Macintosh protests.

It seems to us that your argument in favor of the road, coupled with that of the Township Committee, makes a very strong case, and that for the good not only of the community of Haines itself and of the adjacent communities, but also on account of the probable benefit to our property, the roadway should be built. We do not, however, like to go contrary to Mr. Macintosh's protest, and if at all possible, we wish that through a conference between yourself, Mr. Macintosh and the Road Committee, some basis of agreement could be reached upon which a harmonious recommendation could be made to this office.

Of course we realize that your embarrassment in entering upon this matter, as Mr. Macintosh is nominally in charge of the property of the Board at Haines. I am therefore writing him (Mr. Macintosh) today, suggesting that he take the matter up by way of conference, with yourself and the Road Committee and endeavor to reach such an agreement for recommendation, as I have suggested above.

Trusting that the matter may be settled for the benefit of all, and without sacrificing in any material degree the interests of the Board, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(Over)

P.S.-- We are not, as yet, taking this up with Lieut. Orchard of Skagway, as you have suggested, hoping that by conference some arrangement can be amicably made.

Mr H. C. Olin
132 Fifth Ave
N. Y.

Haines Alaska
June 21st 1906

Dear Brother:—

Your letter of May 19th in which you refer to my letter of Mch 8 to Secretary Thompson regarding the protest which Mr Mackintosh had made against the location of a government road near the north line of the mission property was received in due time. I could not previous to this answer with any detail. I am glad to say that I was able to get the Township Comm. to settle with my self and Mr Mackintosh, and that we agreed to recommend to the Board that the government be permitted to build said road along the line of their survey. Mr Mackintosh and Mr Sowerby were appointed as a Comm. to communicate with the Board. I hope that it can be adjusted. With best wishes

A. L. McLean

To the Alaska, United States Road Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby protest against the construction of a public permanent highway where the clearing therefor has been made from the saw mill old site, west of Haines towards the Chilkat flats, so far as the Presbyterian Home Mission lands Claim extends towards said flats.

For about 475 yds westwards beyond said saw mill site the new public highway is located about 37 yds. more or less south of the boundary line of said Mission Lands claim, thereby cutting off a strip of 3.6 acres of land from the main body of Mission land claim partly cleared and valuable for grazing because of the running water thereon, and grass which springs up over the most of it on being cleared, which work of clearing is being done, and cattle that grazed in part thereon this year were sold at an average of fifty dollars per head.

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By the present location of the road three lines of fence are required where one should be sufficient.

From the saw mill old site, westward there is no objection to the road being altogether on Mission, it is the isolation of so small a part from the main body, and costliness of maintaining fences that is objectionable, and that forever.

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Respectfully submitted.

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,

By A. R. Mackintosh, Agt.

Haines, Alaska. June 21st 1906.

J. C. Olin Esq.

Sir:

In answer to your note of April 19th 1906.

As soon as your note was received, it was shown to A.J. McLean and he was invited to go over the road location and also the Mission east and west line on the north border with the writer, he did go: then because the Haines road committee had consulted A.J. McLean about the road and had not mentioned road to the writer, it was suggested that Mr McLean invite the Haines road committee to go over with him the same ground we had, the writer to go also if requested to do so,

Weeks afterward Messrs. Sowerby, Stout, McLean and myself went over the road location and the difference of material and labor to build the road near the Mission line pointed out specifically; on our way back to Haines, Stout said "You cannot close the old road". Sowerby said nothing on the trip.

At parting Mr McLean proposed a subsequent meeting when all the Committee, that is Ford, could be present. I asked to be excused entirely, but would meet with them on request.

Nothing more was said to me of the road until the 18th inst. I was invited to meet the full Committee.
In the mean time President of the road Com. Major Richardson of the United States Road Comissioners was in Haines;
I put myself in his way, because I had not met him since the service of the protest against the road; he asked me of the road, and said they had no money to purchase rights of way; therefor could not build the road; I asked if himself had been over the line of the road? he said no;
He said nothing of my being in error as to the difference of Cost between the two lines;
I asked the Haines road Committee if they could see more difference than estimated in the protest viz: 150 yards of ditch and 30 yds more gravel top finish and the clearing of road way? one pointed out a possible fill of a few rods in length and 12" @ 18" high.
So neither road commissioners nor road Committee pointed out "difficulties", that had not been pointed out in the protest, "attending the construction" of the road "along the lines suggested by me".
To sum the whole the army officiers from the beginning could not brooke ~~being~~ criticism or to be corrected nor

~~not~~ directed by a commoner; and at Haines greed reigns supreme in every breast; and your own concluding sentence ~~note~~ "- but far above the value of acres, the interests of the general community, and our property as a whole"- moved me to the action taken in the motion made at the meeting on the 15th instance.

Mr J Dowsby reported to you today our recommendation in the matter viz: that the road be permitted to be made on the location chosen by deputy Civil engineer for the Alaska U.S. Road Commissioners.

Respectfully
A. P. Mackintosh
Haines,
Alaska.

Haines, Alaska. June 21st., 1906.

Mr. W. C. Olin,

Treasurer Board of Home Missions,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to inform you that at a meeting, at which were present Rev. A. F. Mc.Lean and Mr. A. R. Mackintosh, for purpose of devising means for furthering building of road by U. S. Government from the Town of Haines, Alaska, up the Chilkat River, the following resolution was made:-

Moved by Mr. A. R. Mackintosh; seconded by Rev. A. F. Mc.Lean, that recommendation be made to board of Home Missions of The Presbyterian Church that the road located by the Govt. engineers, be permitted to be built where located for the reason that, quite likely, if not permitted to be built there, it would not be built at all. Carried unanimously.

In view of above, we would respectively request that you grant the U. S. Road Commission permission to build a road over the Mission grounds in accordance with their survey.

On account of Road Commission wishing to commence work on the road about the first of August, we would further request that immediate action be taken by you, as any delay at this season would mean a great inconvenience to an enterprise of this kind.

Yours very respectfully,

A. R. Mackintosh

J. Sowerby

Committee.

F.F.

July 12th, 1906.

Messrs. A. R. Macintosh and

I. Sowerby, Committee,

Haines, Alaska.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your favor of June 21st, and the letter from Mr. Macintosh of the same date, in which the recommendation is made that this Board consent that the road located by the Government Engineers be permitted to be built where located, I beg to say that the Finance Committee of this Board, at its meeting on yesterday, voted to accede to that recommendation, and you are therefore authorized to proceed with the building of the road as located.

Trusting that this may work to the good of the community, and of all concerned, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

Mr H.C OLin

156 Fifth Ave.

Haines Alaska Nov. 16th, 1906.

Dear Brother: I neglected sending in my monthly vouchers and I enclose a bunch of them including the voucher for November.

I am also enclosing a check for $20.00 being the rental of plot of ground leased by John D Blankenburg. This twenty pays rent from Nov 1st to June 1st'07. Mr Blanken burg objects that the rent is to high and says that he would like to rent ground for from three to five years if the Board would so concent and would make the rental reasonable. The three years previous to last year Mr Blankenburg had leased the ground a plot 50 x 100 for $50.00 for the three years. At the expiration of that time Mr Mac-Kintosh increased the rent to $40.00 per year, and Mr Blankenburg says that there is no reason why there should be an increase in rent of ground in as much that there has been no increase in property, Now I think that the ~~objection~~ objection is well grounded and that the price of $40.00 per year is too high at the present value of land in Haines. I think that $30.00 a year would be a good rental and that it would suit Mr Blankenburgs purpose of inproving the littlebuilding which he has on the ground if the Board would lease the ground to him for a term of five years. What is your Judgment? If you decide to lease ground send me two blank forms.

With best wishes,

A. F. McLean.

70.00

Ent'd on Both sides Cash Book Journal a/c

E. L. THOMPSON.

Haines, Alaska
November 22d 1906.

H. C. Allen Esq.:

Dear Sir:

When making my last quarterly Report some items belonging to your department were included for the sake of brevity and economy of time.

I have waited until now, writing to you because the Military Post civil engineer, Mr Worth, promises to make for me a tracing of his diagram of the new Govt. road westward from Haines, accompanying his final report to the Road Commissioners; said tracing to show our new three wire fence south of the road and fifteen ft. from road center.

My reason for writing now is to advise you that said fence is not extended farther than the line of the old survey of Whitworth north and south. there it connects with the remains of the the two wire line erected four years ago. The new fence going westward falls short of the Elias Reed N. W. Corner 500 ft. more or less. forming the base of a triangular strip the apex of which is or should be at the S. W. corner. this triangle is disputed and you will have to earn it on the witness stand in the Dist. Court.

This notice ends my official connection with the B of H. Missions.

Thanks for sending last ck. so promptly.

J. L. Mackintosh

My wife and daughter prompted me a month ago to ask for a price on the location Jno. M. Blankenburg occupies. Soon after that Blankenburg did apply for a renewal of his lease and supposedly he received such renewal.
I write of it now simply to renew my application for a lot on Main St. made first years ago.
The Blankenburg family are liable to rupture anytime, and so far as one of the parties are concerned was ready, packed to go the latter part of October, when, or just before the application for renewal of lease,
Asking for and hoping to be given the first offer of said Blankenburg location

Remain Yours Truly
A. Mackintosh

Haines. Alaska

November 28 th 1906

H. C. Olin Esq.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I send you a tracing of the new road from Haines Westward and the relation thereto of Mission line and new fence made along the road; you can Calculate very nearly the land thrown out of mission tract by the road. The fence is 15@16 ft. from road Center.

The tracing may be relied on as correct, being made by the C. E. who constructed the road and it is a ~~the~~ Copy of tracing made for road Commissioners. The N. H. Mission Corner shown is the Whitcomb Cor. not the Reed Cor. of last survey. Yours &c.

A. R. Mackintosh

F.F.

December 5, 1906.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. McLean:-

Your favor of the 18th ult., enclosing check for $20. covering rental of the plot of ground leased by John Blankenburg from November 1st last to June 1st, 1907, came duly to hand and has had the attention of the officers of the Board.

On the question of the amount of the annual rental we feel that the concession might be made which Mr. Blankenburg asks, that is, that it shall be at the rate of $30. a year, if in your judgment this is a proper rental charge.

On the question of an extended lease for any term beyond one year, we do not think it advisable to enter upon that at the present time. As you are of course aware, we have not as yet secured our patents to this land and I do not think it would be proper either for us to make a lease for a period beyond one year, or to encourage the making of any permanent improvements upon leased ground. Will you be kind enough to manage this in the most diplomatic manner possible with Mr. Blankenburg?

Yours very cordially,

Treasurer.

F.F.

December 21, 1906.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McLean:-

I am sending you herewith copies of two letters received from Mr. Mackintosh, dated November 22nd and 28th. I do not send you the tracing referred to in the latter letter, because you probably have seen a copy thereof. My object in sending these copies and in writing you upon the subject, is to ask your counsel as to what action is advisable as to this triangular piece of property. I think you have previously expressed yourself upon the general subject, but will you kindly give us your more specific advice?

I have written Mr. Mackintosh that the Board was not in position, until its patents are in hand, to make a lease to him of a lot as he requests.

Thanking you in advance for your advice, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

F.F.

December 21, 1906.

Rev. A. R. Macintosh,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Mackintosh:-

Yours of the 22nd inst., conveying a request that you should be granted a lot on Main street, and designating especially that now occupied by John M. Blankenburg, has had the attention of the office.

Relative to this matter let me say that, as we have written previously upon other applications, it is not considered wise for this Board to make any leases whatever (beyong what are already in effect) until patents for this property are in hand. Some months since it was indicated to us that probably in December (this month) these patents would be forthcoming, but they are not yet in hand. This matter can be taken up later when the documents are actually within our possession.

Your letter of the 28th, enclosing a tracing of the new road from Haines westward, is also at hand. Thank you for the same.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

F.F.

July 18th, 1908.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. McLean:-

At last we are in a way to secure a patent upon our property at Haines, Alaska. The formal application must be made for a patent under these surveys to the Register & Receiver of the U. S. Land Office for the District in which the land is situated. In this case it is at Juneau.

I am sending you all the papers herewith, and you will see, on page 4, an affidavit for signature by yourself. Please therefore to sign the same and have it attested before a Notary Public, whose seal should also be attached. Then will you be good enough to pass all papers, together with the enclosed letter, on to the Register & Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Juneau. All papers attached should go, including the notes, map, etc.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

O/S

Nenana Alaska
Feb 17 - 1910.

Board of Home Missions
New York.

Gentlemen:-

Being desirous of erecting a new store building and having no location, I would like to lease a piece of Ground 50 Feet x 100 foot about 150 feet West of the church.

Rev. McLain requested me to write direct to the Board and I think I can refer you to him, in regard to my standing

Yours Respt
E. A. Baldwin

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE

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Haines Mission site
Presbyterian church
Report.
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Juneau, Alaska, (Place.)

February 23, 1910. (Date.)

The Commissioner, G. L. O.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir-

Referring to your letters of July 27, and November 11, 1909, in the matter of the Haines Mission Site, I have to state that I have this day issued certificate of entry and that the papers relating thereto will be transmitted to your office with the returns for the month of February.

I have not sent to duplicate certificate to the claimants, for the reason that I am not certain that the certificate embodies all that the Commissioner wishes to place in it.

Very respectfully,

Register.

Haines. Alaska

Mar 1 - 1910.

H. C. Olin.

136 - 5th Ave.

Sec. Board Home Missions.

N. Y.

Dear Sir -

I am desirous of leasing a piece of ground (40 x 70 for a store building) from the Pres. Mission & spoke to Rev. McLain in regard to same & he asked me to write directly to you.

I would like this Lease to be for 6 yrs or more. Location would be about 200 feet west of church facing North.

And right in line with this I as one of the City Council of the town of Haines also ask you for the lease of a plot of ground about some where west of the Church for - to build a town hall & fire house on. Awaiting your Reply I remain

Respt Yrs A. Baldwin.

March 10th, 1910.

Mr. G. A. Baldwin,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 17th inst., setting forth your desires for the location of a new store building upon ground owned by this Board, is at hand. In reply I beg to say that for the immediate present we are not in position to make any leases upon our property. A little later this might be done, but, as I have said, at present it is not feasible.

Regretting that we cannot accommodate you, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

March 10th, 1910.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. McLean:-

Some days since we received from Mr. G. A. Baldwin of your town, an application for lease of 50 x 100 or 150 feet just west of the Church building at Haines, for the purpose of locating a new store building.

I have written Mr. Baldwin that for the immediate present we are not in position to make any lease whatever upon our property at Haines. Confidentially I will say to you that the patents have not yet been actually issued, although we expect them to be issued in a very short time.

I trust that you may be able to add to our explanations to Mr. Baldwin sufficiently to let him see that it is not at all a personal matter, but is owing to the conditions.

Have you heard anything more lately with regard to the railroad terminal?

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

March 25th, 1910.

Mr. G. A. Baldwin,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 1st inst., requesting that you be permitted to lease a piece of ground for a store building, and also that the city of Haines should be permitted to lease a plot of ground upon which to build a Town Hall and Fire House, is at hand today.

In reply I beg to say, as I wrote you on the 10th inst., that for the immediate present, this Board is not in position to make any leases whatever of our property at Haines. A little later we shall hope to be able to transact business relative thereto, but, as I have said, for the immediate present, we cannot do so.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

November 3rd, 1910.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. McLean:-

Your note of the 7th of October, is duly at hand. I am at once sending you a check covering the requisition for $125.00 for October, plus $24.63 due you on August statement.

Our statement for the first six months is as follows:

Appropriation,	$2,077.00
Expenses for the first six months,	1,091.49
Leaving available for the six months ending March 31st, 1911,	$ 985.51

You will see by the above that the appropriation is somewhat overdrawn, and you will, of course, arrange matters so that the rest of the year may be covered by the available amount.

With regard to the Mission land, let me say that nothing has developed of late in the matter of a possible sale of the larger part of this property. Some weeks since an attorney of Seattle, Mr. J. P. Hartman, called to talk matters over in the expectation that he would be consulted by Mr. R. Webster Brown with regard to this matter. Nothing, however, has been heard from either of them since that call.

I am somewhat surprised that in Inspector should have gone over the survey again. Will you kindly let me know what was the nature of the statement he asked you to make? By agreement with the War Department some years ago, when we surrendered about one-half the acreage we were claiming, it was stipulated that we should be thoroughly protected, so far as the balance of the acreage was concerned, and that we should receive a patent in fee at as early a date as was possible. I hope they are not trying to cheat us out of part of the acreage now.

Kindly keep us posted as to any developments your way in regard to this land.

Of course we are in no position as yet, nor shall we be, until the patent is received, to enter upon any negotiations looking to a sale or lease of any of the property.

Very cordially yours,

Rev. A. F. McLean
Haines, Alaska

Mr H.C. Olin, April 4th 1911.

156 Fifth Ave N.Y.

DearMr Olin:- Today I sent Miss White a check for $57.00 the same being for stumpage on 57 piles cut on Mission ground. Mr King the representative of the Haines Warf Co had asked me about cutting piles, and I had told him that I would take it up with you and let him know the result.

Some time after I wrote you he approached me again on the matter, saying that it was getting late in the season and that they needed but a few ,and would appreciate it very much if I would permit him to cut the few that they needed. As Mr King is a fine fellow I conceeded to his wish. If I have done wrong I beg your pardon and promise that it will not occur again until I have permit) ion.

With best wishes.

A. F. McLean,

April 18th, 1911.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. McLean:-

Yours of the 4th, notifying us that you had sent to Miss White a check for $57.00 on account of the stumppage on 57 piles cut on the mission ground by Mr. King, etc., is at hand.

Of course what is done cannot be undone, but it was our wish that no procedure should be had with regard to these lands, which would in the slightest put a possible bar in the way of our getting our title.

The securing of the title is in the hands of Judge Gunnison of Juneau, and we hope that within a reasonable time we may have the patent in our hands. I should advise that nothing further, along these lines, should be done until we are secure in possession.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

June 22nd, 1911.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
c/o J. H. Condit,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:-

Your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing a receipt for $14.00, covering an amount paid to A. R. McIntosh in settlement of claims for expense in supplying witnesses in suit over the Haines property, back in 1903, is at hand.

Let me say with regard to this matter, that so far as I can recall, we never have seen such a claim; naturally, if it had been sent in, we would have sent it to you for o. k., and as you say, it may have been lost with papers which disappeared in the mails some years ago.

Of course, however, you must not be out this sum, and I am handing you our check for $14.00 to cover.

With regard to this whole matter of patents, not only at Haines, but at the other points in Alaska. This matter has not been allowed to lapse, but we have kept after it by every means possible. I think there is a determination at Washington and among the grafters connected with the land department, that we shall not get our patents, particularly that at Haines, but we are not by any means idle. I shall write to Judge Gunnison and Mr. Jones, calling their attention to what you have said with regard to the jumpers, etc., upon our property at Haines, and shall instruct them to see that matters are kept in proper shape. Meantime, we shall go into the matter here at this end, and with Washington.

I trust that you are well and that matters are progressing favorably in your new Mission Field.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/H

Photographed at Midnight June 28, 1907

White Pass Hotel
P. D. McMILLAN
MANAGER
FRONT STREET OPPOSITE DEPOT

Whitehorse, Y. T., June 7, 1911

Mr. H. C. Allen, Treas. B's of H.M.
New York.

My dear Mr. Allen;

I inclose the receipt for $14.00 which I paid Mr. McIntosh for moneys expended by him in procuring our Indian witnesses in the Haines Mission case, 1903. He has been after it for eight years. I know the bill to be a correct one. This acct was handed in too late to be included in the final acct I rendered to you of the case. Mr. McIntosh said he had repeatedly sent it to the Board and had not rec'd the money, which he had expended in the case. I felt that perhaps I had been guilty of neglect in the matter, as I was travelling in far western parts of the Ter. and mails were very uncertain. I think I included this item in the papers which were lost in the Klondyke disaster. If you think it right to reimburse me this $14.00 I shall be grateful: if not, it will be all right.

Now in regard to the mission grounds at Haines: I am uneasy about our patent. When I filed the application for patent with other applications in person with Territorial Sec. Distin at Sitka in the spring of 1903 he assured

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sure that the patents would be issued in two or three months. We ought to have got them then. It would be worth while to send a competent lawyer to Washington with instructions to stay right with the case until the patents are in your hands. There are good Presbyterian lawyers in Washington who make a specialty of patents. I think the men who took my place as your agents in S. E. Alaska have been guilty of neglect.

And now there is a feeling at Haines that we will never get our patent and are not entitled to it. The mission ground have not been entirely cleared of junipers, and timber has been sold from the tract. Some are boldly talking of entering the tract and taking up farms. Mr. Jones and Judge Cummins should be instructed to go to Haines and become thoroughly conversant with the fact and then pursue that patent until they run it down, in the mean while seeing that the order of the court clearing the claim from junipers be inforced. It would be too bad if this splendid farm, the best in S. E. Alaska, should be lost through our neglect. Mr. McLean is too busy.

When you get your patent it will probably be possible to sell for a large sum a few acres to the

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R. R. les. for depot and shops.

I feel that the work my lawyers and I did in pushing our case to a successful issue should not be lost through neglect.

I am feeling fine.

Yours cordially,

J. Hally Young.

W. B. STOUT
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
HAINES ALASKA

Haines Alaska, Sept, 9th, 1912.

H.C. Olin Esq,

New York City N.Y.

Dear Sir :-

At a regular meeting of the Arctic Brothrhood Camp Haines No-17, A committe of three were appointed to select a suitable piece of ground for a Cemetery, and the Board of Home missions of the prebyterian church have such a piece of land lying about one half mile west from the town of Haines, lying on the left hand side of the military road. We would like to get about five acres, and did not know but what we might be able to get this piece of ground from the Board of Missions; I spoke to Mr, A.F.Mc,Lean (Your resident minister here) and he suggested that I write to you in relation to the matter, Should you consent to let us have the ground(and we hope you will), kindly state what price you would put on it.

Hoping to hear from you soon , I am very respectfully.

W B Stout

October 3rd, 1912.

Mr. W. B. Stout,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 9th of September, conveying the desire of the Arctic Brotherhood, Camp Haines No.17, to purchase five acres of land from this Board in your city.

Before making definite reply to this application we should want to know just what piece of land was desired, where it is located and how it effects the rest of the property. I will therefore write to Mr. McLean and ask him to give us the information desired before seriously going into the question.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

October 3rd, 1912.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McLean:-

We are just in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. B. Stout of your city, asking whether the Board would be willing to sell to the Arctic Brotherhood, Camp Haines No.17, five acres of land from our property there. I have replied to Mr. Stout that before making definite answer, or taking the matter up seriously, we should want to know just the location of the five acres desired, and how it would effect the rest of our properties. At your early convenience, will you be good enough to give us the information desired. You might make a rough pencil sketch of the property, showing our buildings and any distinctive natural features upon the property, and indicate what space and where the Arctic Brotherhood desire to purchase.

Of course I am not sure whether our people would care to make a sale of any of the property at the present time, but we shall be glad to have this information at hand with your opinion as to a price, supposing a favorable consideration were given.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

O/S

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

OCT 20 1912

Oct. 18th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Presbyterian Mission
Reserve Haines, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Olin:-

As I wrote you a few days since, the Patent for the 266.54 acres forthe Haines Mission has been received from the Government. I forwarded it at once to the Recorder at Skagway and just nave it back from there duly recorded in Vol.9 of Deeds at pages 33 and 34. I enclose the Patent herewith to you.

In reference to this I beg to say, that I understand that there are a number of squatters on this tract and that now the patent has been issuedI think that it would be advisable for the Board to make it clearly understood that they are the owners and remove these people or take from them leases. If you wish this to be done I would suggest that you write me with reference to it.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & ~~MARSHALL~~,

Per Royal A. Gunnison

RAG/BFB

November 1st, 1912.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 18th inst., enclosing patent for the Haines Mission site of 266.54 acres, recorded and all in order, is at hand. This is most gratifying, and we thank you for your endeavors in this behalf.

Now as to the matter of the squatters: Your suggestion is most important, and we agree with you that it would be advisable to make it clearly understood that we are the owners, and that all squatters should be removed, or leases taken from them. First, however, I think we should have a report from yourself as to just what the situation is as to these squatters: Who they are, the extent of property upon which that are squatting, and any other particulars which we ought to have in order to a clear understanding of the situation. Perhaps it would be well if you would have a rough sketch of the property made, showing thereupon the location of our own buildings and the squatters' buildings, whatever they may have erected. With this data in hand we shall be able to deal with the situation intelligently I am sure.

We understand that ~~it~~ very likely Haines, at no distant day, will be a very important railroad terminal. Any information you can give us upon the situation there we would greatly appreciate.

Awaiting your further word, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S